

**Town of La Pointe**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**2014 Budget Workshop**  
Approved as Presented 11-12-13

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
5:00 pm at the Town Hall

**Present:** Nick Nelson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

**Absent:** Jim Patterson

**Staff Present:** Pete Clark, Keith Sowl

**Public Present:** Dave Thomas

**1. Call to order @ 5:05pm**

**2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:**

**A. Roads:** Presented by Keith Sowl.

Wages are down slightly due to decrease in foreman wages, because of Keith's retirement. It is still unknown what will be done about replacing him. Other wages are slightly up due to increase in W. Hagen, D. Hardie, and Park workers' wages. E. Erickson and S. Grabarek will stay the same.

Big Bay Town Park improvements are mostly complete, with the exception of some trails and boardwalks. Other small things should be done by the end of the year.

Most of the 2014 budget is routine, new items include replacing two new culverts near N. Brown property on South Shore Road, wells at the Rec Center and the Pergola, and the possibility of purchasing a new truck. Discussion on wells included the possibility of making them (Rec Center and/or Pergola, and/or Joni's Beach) artesian. N. Nelson believes the public access to good fresh water is abysmal, and would like to see it improved.

Other points of discussion:

The County gravel at the airport, there has been talk that we may purchase some of it, but it is not yet in the budget.

Equipment Repairs for Grouzers went over budget significantly in 2013.

There are many boats in the impound lot, owners have been contacted, and Foreman Sowl is not comfortable selling them off yet.

There is a designated fund for the purchase of a new truck and plow, unsure whether it is really needed or not. Town Board okay with keeping the money in the fund and just waiting to see if they need to use it.

N. Nelson would like to see \$5,000. Put into the budget somewhere for bilingual signage.

**B. Parks & Recreation**

Expenditures are up around 14%, but revenues are also up quite a bit. Foreman Sowl hopes that the Town Park revenue will hopefully go up, the 'word' is the park is great and people/ campers love it. Hoping to increase the revenue in camp fees as well as showers. A lot of money is going into 'beautification', trash pickup and other grooming things at the parks. Up quite a bit over the last few years.

There is \$10,000 in a Capital Projects fund for the Rec Center Building (2013), that may be used for a new playground, if it is not needed for the improvement of the well.

**3. Adjourn** @6:25pm. HR/ MC 4A Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as presented (addition of Dave Thomas as present) 11-12-13.

Micaela Montagne